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- (Silhouettes are included of submarines, cruiser, and escort vessel,)
3. Six submarines. White Sea 12 June 1957
- One light cruiser, two destroyers or escort vessels, and two submarines. White Sea 29 June 1957
4. Seven SVERDLOV-class cruisers, including the ORDZHONIKIDZE; six SKORYY-class destroyers; 10 long-range submarines; and 25 patrol craft. Murmansk 5-8 June 1957

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Russian Warships in the White Sea SECRET

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Two small Russian minesweepers (see sketch) were sighted in the White Sea on 26th June 1957. Vessels were identical in appearance but were sighted separately, apparently carrying out exercises.

2. Sea Area Brief. (2 Minesweepers)

W. 0320 26th June 1957.

H. 10 miles N.E. of SOSNOVETS Lighthouse. Course SSE.
Speed 12 - 15 knots.

Y. 10 miles N.E. of SOSNOVETS Lighthouse. Course S. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots.

D. Poor visibility due to rain squalls.

O. No restriction.

F. One funnel placed well aft.

I. 127 and 717.

L. 150 - 170 ft. approximate.

M. One tripod mast rising from bridge.

S. Appeared to be flush deck but [] there may have been a break under the bridge.

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T. One estimated 4 inch turret forward single gun and one single gun 4" turret aft.

A. Multiple pom-pom between mast and funnel. One single or double-barrelled two-pounder covered with canvas situated forward of bridge.

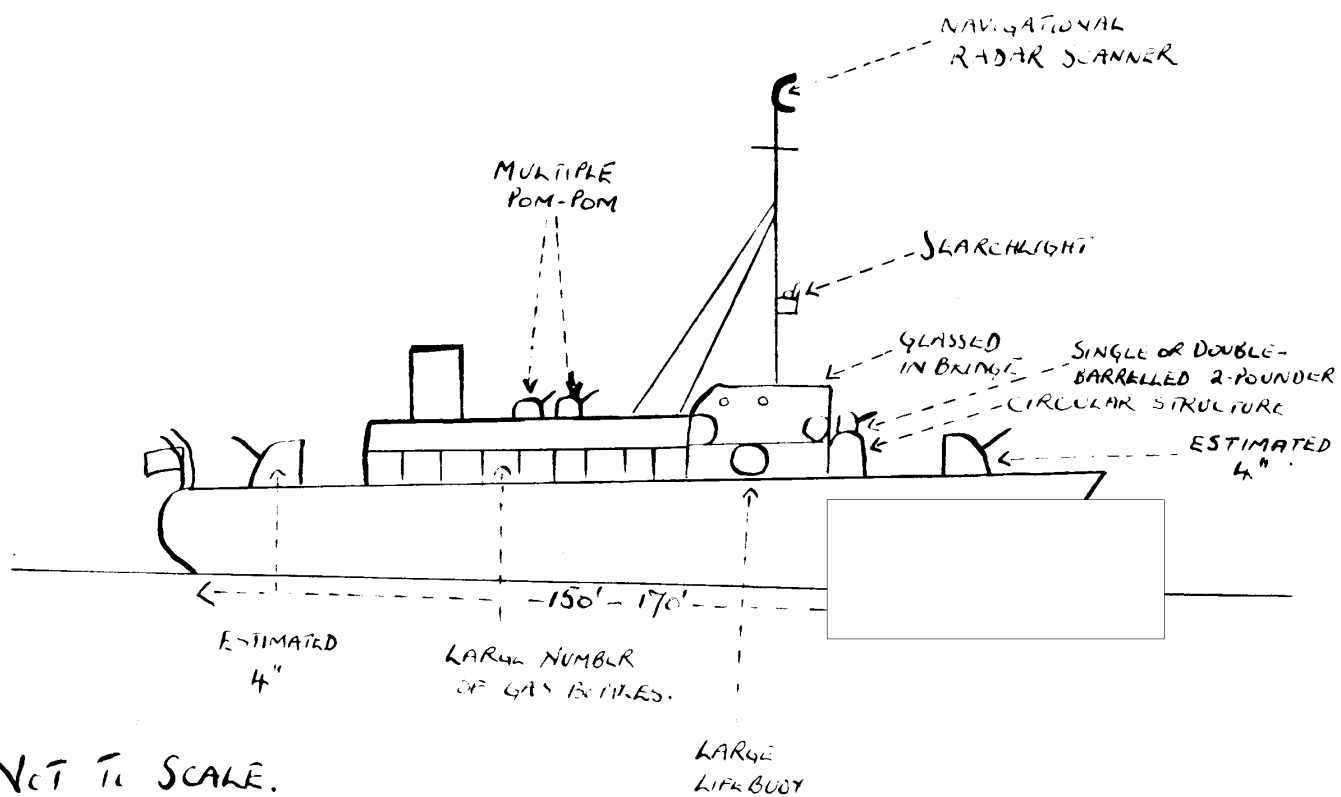
R. Navigational radar scanner mounted on top of mast. No other radar observed.

S. Russian naval ensign. A large number of what appeared to be gas bottles were on the midship deck. Bridge of vessel was completely glassed in.

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Russian Naval Activities off the White Sea.

1. On the 12th June, 1957, six submarines were observed emerging from the direction of LUMBOUSKI and moved line ahead toward SUYINTOINOS. The vessels were sighted from a distance of about 2 miles, appeared to be identical, of medium size with conventional hulls and conning towers.

The sound of their engines was considered to be extremely noisy, and it was due to this noise that the submarines were first detected.

2. On the 29th June, 1957, a group of warships was sighted at a distance of about 1 mile in a position 15/20 miles N.N.E. of the KOLA INLET, moving W.S.W. at half speed.

The group consisted of: 1 Light Cruiser.

2 Light Destroyers.

2 Submarines.

The Light Cruiser was a modern vessel with a raking stem, flush hull, 2 gun turrets forward and 2 aft. Her 2 funnels were raked and 2 torpedo tubes were carried amidships. The 2 masts were covered with various radar and W/T aerials.

The 2 Light Destroyers were also modern, single funnels with a gun turret forward and aft, flush hull.

The 2 Submarines were large and carried no armament with very high conning towers.

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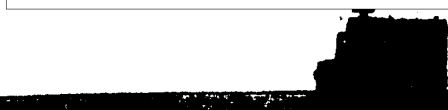
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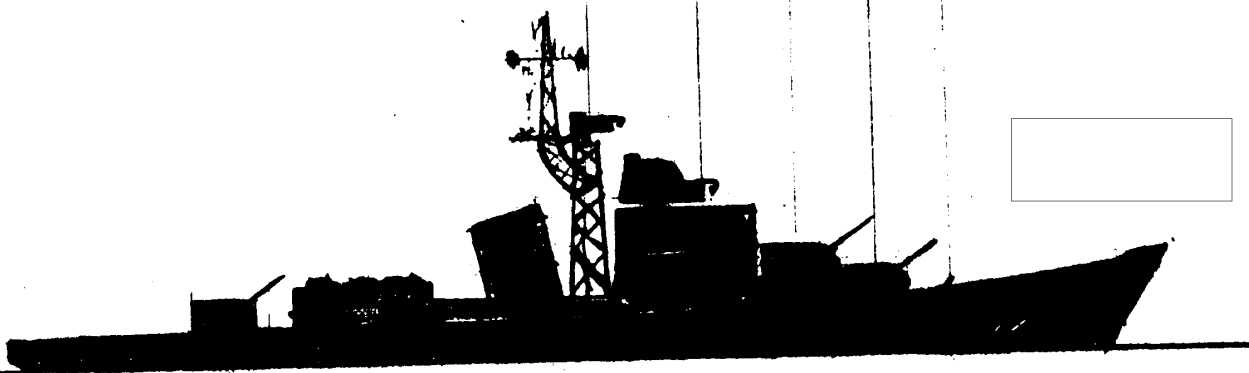
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1.

Murmansk

observed 6 cruisers of the Sverdlov-class anchored. and one cruiser of the same class in the naval shipyard. the name of the cruiser in the shipyard as "ORDZONIKIDZE."

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2. In the same shipyard 2 destroyers of the Skory-class, and 4 destroyers of the same class were anchored.

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3. In addition, 10 ocean-going submarines anchored.

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4. There were approximately 25 patrol boats ashore and covered - probably of the SK type.

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2. Two cruisers, four submarines and five escorts.

3. The two cruisers [redacted] left
harbour early on the morning [redacted]

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[redacted] she had
two masts and two funnels and [redacted] her armament appeared to consist
of an inordinate number of torpedo tubes over and above her
complement of guns.

4. For a description and sketch of pendant 47 see Appendix
"A".

5. The four submarines were seen at a distance [redacted]

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[redacted] They were moored inside PRATIQUE and were too far away
for accurate observation, but appeared to be relatively small -
length approximately 120 feet - and old.

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6. The five escorts were all seen on various occasions in or
near ODESSA. Data and a silhouette appears in Appendix "B".

18th - 31st July 1957.

7. Two submarines. Data and silhouettes given in
Appendix "C".

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APPENDIX "A"ODESSA

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W

H

Y At anchor ODESSA Bay.

D

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O Good opportunity both when close and at a distance.

F Two spaced about $\frac{1}{4}$ of length apart and set slightly forward of $\frac{1}{2}$ length as per silhouette. Funnels vertical but cowls give raked appearance.

I

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L Length 603 feet. Calculated with sextant angle and distance off by radar.

M Tripod main with topmast, crosstrees and yard, immediately forward of after funnel. This supported a large derrick used for handling boats.

S Stepped beneath forward funnel as per silhouette.

T Four turrets, two forward and two aft, each housing two guns. The upper turrets had a dome on top of the rear part as per silhouette.

A A considerable number of A.A. guns. No special features remembered.

R Small scanner set on a bracket forward of control tower. Top of control tower gave appearance of being a large scanner. Otherwise very little radar gear in evidence.

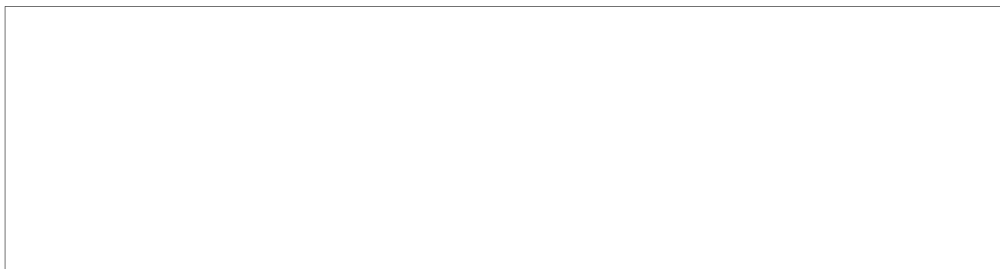
S No hawse pipes though the anchors were the patent stockless type. Cables were led from the deck.

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APPENDIX "B"

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W [] was seen in ODESSA Bay [] having a target towed around her at about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile range and evidently doing some kind of calibration. She was also seen at several other times (not stated). [] left ODESSA [] and proceeded seaward on various courses on manoeuvres. [] passed about two cables from observer. [] were met when entering harbour (ODESSA) at [] and passed close [] All of the above were seen several times at anchor in ODESSA Bay and entering or leaving harbour. 25X1

H Always various. 25X1

Y In ODESSA Bay or harbour. 25X1

D All except [] seen at about 2 cables but usually about 1.5 miles off. 25X1

O Good. 25X1

F One abaft mast as in silhouette. 25X1

I [] 25X1

L 255 feet. Calculated with sextant angle and distance by radar. 25X1

M One mast as in silhouette on all [] had a higher slimmer pyramidal mast which appeared to be built of tubular steel. It was straight, not articulated as were the others. All midway were situated between stem and stern. 25X1

S Flush deck, high stem and low stern as shown in sketch.

T Three single guns in shields, a, e and f in sketch.

A Several smaller guns mounted at b in sketch.

R i) One large scanner projecting from a domed structure at rear of bridge as shown in sketch at d.

ii) One large scanner of conventional type on top of lower mast structure (as shown at c on sketch). on all except [] which had what appeared to be a large square cage at about the same height. All of these vessels had a great deal of other equipment, rods, cages etc., attached to the masts and yards. 25X1

[] vessels seemed to have an abnormal amount of radar g on sketch is a breakwater. 25X1

APPENDIX "C"ODESSA

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W []

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H Various. On some kind of trials or calibrating in ODESSA Bay.

Y At anchor ODESSA Bay.

D Seen from various angles. At one time was five cables off.

O Good.

I [] on Conning Tower.

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C Conning Tower as shown in silhouette, slightly longer than height.

A No armament visible. Decks clear except for conning tower.

S Vessel had what appeared to be a square cage on a support projecting above after end of Conning Tower as shown in sketch.

H Height of Conning tower 13 feet based on height of men.

Visible length 220 feet (by sextant angle and distance by radar).

Submarine Penant []

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W Outside ODESSA Harbour [] Entered harbour later that morning. []

H Stopped.

Y Alongside No. 16 Berth, ODESSA.

D Distant about 1 1/4 miles.

O Fair

I [] on Conning Tower.

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C Conning Tower slightly forward of mid-length. As shown in sketch.

A None visible. Decks clear.

S Projection as shown on sketch from after end of conning tower.

H Height of Conning Tower 13 feet, based on height of men []

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Length not obtained.

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